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## **1. INTRODUCTION:**

Our proposed research will develop and assess a computer-delivered intervention (Safety and Health Experiences Program; SHE) that will provide a screening and brief behavior intervention for women veterans with any lifetime ST. More specifically, the intervention, SHE, will address interrelated health concerns for women veterans with ST (i.e., alcohol misuse, IPV, and PTSD). We plan to develop our proposed computer-based intervention with input from our team of investigators as well as information gained in focus groups and informant interviews with women veterans with ST. We will conduct a small trial of SHE with 20 women veterans with lifetime ST to examine if the intervention is acceptable to our population. Finally, we will recruit a sample of 150 women veterans who screen positive for any lifetime ST and have at least one risk factor (i.e., IPV, PTSD, or heavy drinking) and randomize them to the SHE intervention or to a screen and referral (SR) condition. We will examine whether SHE compared to SR will result in decreases in the number of risks and increase resource and treatment utilization at the 2- and 4-month follow-up.

## **2. KEYWORDS:**

Safety and Health Experiences Program; SHE  
Providence Veterans Affairs Medical Center (PVAMC)

## **3. ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

The study has been submitted to the Providence Veterans Affairs Medical Center (PVAMC) and to Waco and Temple VA Medical Centers (August 2015). Currently we are in the process of requesting a research site change from PVAMC to the Waco and Temple VA Medical Centers. There have been no other accomplishments to date because the study has not started.

## **4. IMPACT:**

Nothing to Report.

## **5. CHANGE/PROBLEMS:**

### **Actual or anticipated problems or delays and actions or plans to resolve them:**

There were unforeseen difficulties in the submission of the study's IRB application to the Providence VAMC. The process started in February of last year and the IRB application was finally submitted last month.

The plan to resolve this issue is to request a change in study site from Providence VAMC to Waco and Temple VA Medical Centers. In contrast to the Providence VAMC, the process of submitting the study's IRB application at VA Waco Medical Center occurred within a month. (Obtaining all the sign-offs and collating the paperwork at VA Waco took less than a month with

much system-wide support for the project.) The PO, Michelle Lane, has been kept apprised of these difficulties and the full justification for the proposed changes has been provided to her.

## **6. PRODUCTS:**

Nothing to Report.

## **7. PARTICIPANTS & OTHER COLLABORATING ORGNIZATIONS:**

There have been changes in the active other support of the PD/PI(s) or senior/key personnel since the last reporting period.

### **Caron Zlotnick (PI)**

#### **The following grants have ended:**

R01MH074919-01A2 (Zlotnick)	9/1/2007 – 5/31/2015	1.8 calendar
NIH/NIMH		
Placebo-Controlled Trial of Sertraline and IPT for Postpartum Depression		
R21NR013628 (Johnson and Zlotnick)	12/01/2012-6/3	1.8 calendar
NIH/NINR		
Rapid HIV Testing and Counseling in High Risk Women in Shelters		
R01 MH095230 (Johnson)	7/11 – 12/14	0.66 calendar
NIH/NIMH		
Effectiveness of IPT for men and women prisoners with major depression		
2K24MH070769-06 (Zlotnick)	7/11-12/14	3.0 calendar
NIH/NIMH		
Reducing HIV/STI risk behaviors in women with interpersonal violence		

#### **The following grants have started:**

1U01CE002541-01 (Orchowski)	9/01/14-8/31/2018	0.6 calendar
National Center for Injury Prevention and Control		
Preventing sexual aggression among high school boys		
Role Co-I		
NIDA R34DA038770-01A1 (Zlotnick)	4/01/2015-3/31/2018	2.04 calendar
Computer-Based Intervention for Battered Sheltered Women with Substance Use		
NICH R01 HD080780-01A1 (Rizzo)	4/01/2015-3/31/2020	0.6 calendar
Dating Violence Prevention for Juvenile Justice Girls		
Role: Co-I		

**Lindsay Orchowski (Co-I)****The following grants have started:**

Preventing Sexual Aggression Among High School Boys  
1U01CE002531-01 (Orchowski: PI) 9/1/14 – 8/31/18 4.56 CM  
National Center for Injury Prevention and Control  
Preventing sexual aggression among high school boys  
Role: PI

Community-Level Primary Prevention of Dating and Sexual Violence in Middle Schools  
1U01CE002651-01 (Orchowski: PI) 9/30/15-9/29/2019 4.8 CM  
National Center for Injury Prevention and Control  
Role: PI

Sexual Assault Prevention for Men in the Military (Orchowski, Kazemi, Caban: Joint PIs)  
PT140100 10/1/15 – 9/30/19 3CM  
CDMRP/Department of Defense  
Role: Joint-PI/PD

**The following grants have ended:**

Integrated Alcohol and Sexual Assault Intervention for College Men  
1R34AA020852-01 (Orchowski: PI) 9/20/2012-8/31/2015 4.56 CM  
NIAAA  
Role: PI

**Chris Kahler (Co-I)****The following grants have started:**

1R34AA023478-01A1 (Kahler, Wray, Operario) 4/01/15-3/31/18 0.6 Calendar  
NIAAA Technology-Based Intervention for Alcohol & HIV Risk in Men having Sex with  
Men

**Golfo Tzilos (Co-I)****The following grants have started:**

NIDA R34DA038770-01A1 (Zlotnick) 4/01/2015-3/31/2018 2.04 calendar  
Computer-Based Intervention for Battered Sheltered Women with Substance Use

**8. SPECIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Nothing to Report.

**9. APPENDICES:**

Nothing to Report.